

**Governor's Council on Disability
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2006**

Council Members Present/Participating:

Karen Benson, Dan Card, Joseph Colagiovanni (by phone), Edward Duff, Michael Esser, Kathleen Fagin, Pat Gallagher, Matthew Hughes, Mary Ellen Jenison, Todd Mayfield, Blair Moran, Sarah Olson (by phone), Renee Powell, Joseph Sartorius, Dr. Hani Soudah, Molly Tallarico

Council Members Not Present/Participating:

Mikael Fredholm, Stephanie Logan, Susan Orton, Donna Pavlick

Department Liaisons:

Jim Brinkman (for Mike Fester – DSS), David DeWitt (MO-DOT), Jill LaHue (Public Safety), Capt. Bret Johnson (Public Safety) (by phone), Walter Johannpeter (for Dave Mosby – OA), Phyllis Lanius (Office of State Courts Administrator), Robin Rust (for Linda Roebuck – DMH)

Staff: Robert Honan, Linda Baker, Claudia Browner

Guest: Dante Gliniecki, SEMA
Nancy Hopkins, Disabled Citizens' Alliance for Independence, Viburnum, and three others

Real Time Captioner: Debbie Reithmeyer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Card at 10:10 AM. Rob Honan took attendance and announced that we had a quorum. The council members, department liaisons and staff introduced themselves.

The agenda for the day and the minutes from the January 21, 2006 meeting were approved.

Chair Dan Card gave his report:

Dan Card reported that he has written letters to the St. Louis City Circuit Court, Jackson County Circuit Court, and Greene County Circuit Court suggesting they establish - similar to what St. Louis County did one year ago - a local ADA committee. The St. Louis Presiding Judge has agreed and will establish such a committee. We have yet to hear from the others.

To date, the Council staff have only received three resumes to be distributed among the Council members. He asked the Council members again to submit their current resumes within two weeks.

Action Item: Council members need to send in their resumes within two weeks.

Rob Honan summarized his report on the Council staff's activities since the last meeting:

Legislative Education Project (LEP)

The LEP has met 10 times so far during this legislative session, with more than 120 individuals participating.

Poster and Journalism Contest

The award luncheon with presentation of the prizes for the top three contest winners in both categories took place on April 11, 2006 at the Power Up Conference in Columbia. Rob reported that we had good participation and outstanding entries in both the poster and journalism contests.

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MYLF)

Financial: The MYLF account was moved out of the Independent Living Resource Center in March and put into an Office of Administration Revolving Trust Fund, administered by council staff.

Planning meetings, recruiting and fundraising activities for this year's forum are underway.

Business Leadership Network (BLN)

St. Louis: BLN Spring Event will take place May 3, 2006 at Brown Shoe Company in St. Louis. Linda Baker added that more than 80 people are registered to attend.

Springfield/Branson: Linda Baker and Donna Borgmeyer have started outreach activities to start a Springfield/Branson Chapter of the BLN. An initial meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2006 in Springfield.

Presentation by Dante Gliniecki, SEMA

Dante Gliniecki gave a PowerPoint presentation on Emergency Response Planning for People with Special Needs.

Legislative Committee Report

Karen Benson gave her committee report early because she had another commitment in the afternoon. She reported about the bills the committee has followed during this legislative session:

HB 1742, Portwood (R)

Establishes the eligibility requirements of an employed disabled person requesting medical assistance under the federal Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999

HB 1870, Kratky (D)

Authorizes a tax credit for hiring disabled workers.

HB 1074, Meiners (D)

Relating to sales tax exemption for converting a vehicle to handicapped accessible.

HB 1014, Scott (R)

Combined with SB 730, Crowell (R)

Requires voters to provide photographic identification.

Committee Meetings

The Council members and department liaisons divided up into groups to conduct committee meetings. After the lunch break, the committees gave their reports to the Council.

Committee Reports

Strategic Planning Committee (Kathleen Fagin reporting)

Prior to the meeting, the strategic planning document had been sent out for comment to the Governor's Office, the Commissioner's Office, the Council members and department liaisons. Kathleen Fagin discussed the recommended changes to the strategic plan that were submitted by the Governor's Office and Robin Rust. Kathleen will go through the document to make the recommended changes before getting the plan approved by the Council. Per recommendation from the Governor's Office, the document will be called Strategic and Operational Plan. The plan has also been posted on the website for public comment. The strategic/operational plan was approved by the Council with recommended revisions from the Governor's Office.

Programs Committee (Mary Ellen Jenison reporting)

The Programs Committee is planning on inviting a speaker for the July 21 Council meeting to do a presentation on Health Care Issues.

The possibility of tying into the October BLN Fall Event via videoconference was discussed again.

Dan Card proposed inviting a speaker in October, December or January to educate the Council about the employment of people with disabilities. Linda Baker offered to do this presentation. Mary Ellen Jenison, Sarah Olson and Linda will discuss this in detail. Linda Baker will send some of her PowerPoint presentations to the Programs Committee for review.

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Linda Baker will also try to get a tape recording of Ms. Bender's presentation at the BLN Spring Event on May 3rd to share with the Council members. Dan Card asked if any Council members were planning on attending the BLN Spring Event. Joe Colagiovanni and Mike Esser said they would try to attend.

Website Committee (Rob Honan reporting)

The Website Committee met with ITSD staff to discuss the enhancement of our website layout to make it more informative, interactive and user-friendly. An internal Intranet page to be used by Council staff and Council members is also a possibility. Todd Mayfield and Rob Honan will have a follow-up meeting to discuss the website improvement.

Finance Committee (Rob Honan reporting)

The MYLF account has been moved from the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) into a revolving trust fund account under the Office of Administration, effective March 24, 2006.

Old Business

During a telephone conference on February 28, 2006, the Executive Committee discussed the Stem Cell Resolution issue brought in front of the Council by Stanley Brown. The Executive Committee decided to seek an opinion from the Attorney General's office regarding the limits and nature of the Council's authority to develop positions with respect to public policy matters, including legislation. After some discussion of the issue and Dr. Soudah's statement about his understanding of stem cell research, the Council unanimously voted to seek the Attorney General's opinion. This request cannot directly be sent to the AG's office, but has to be sent by a State Senator. Joe Colagiovanni was asked to draft the request for opinion.

Action Item: Joe Colagiovanni will draft request for opinion from Attorney General's office.

New Business

Supreme Court Rule 14

Debbie Reithmeyer had contacted the Council for support of Supreme Court Rule 14 – Roles of Court Captioners. The proposed rule will promote the certification process of court captioners and make this accommodation accessible for other courts. Dan Card explained the role of the Supreme Court in the certification process of court reporters. The certification board for court reporters conducts exams to determine the qualification of the reporters.

Phyllis Launius asked to be contacted if there are problems with courts providing captioners for people with disabilities. The Office of State Courts Administrator will pay for captioning in courts if a captioner is requested.

Joe Sartorius made a motion to support Supreme Court Rule 14, Mary Ellen Jenison seconded. The Council unanimously voted to support Rule 14.

Alliance for Full Participation

Rob Honan handed out the request received from Don Carrick for the Council's support of the Alliance for Participation of people with disabilities in America. The Council unanimously voted to refer this request to the Programs Committee. Mike Esser asked the Council staff to contact Mr. Carrick with a request for his bio.

Action Item: Contact Mr. Carrick to obtain his bio.

Mary Ellen Jenison stated that she would revisit the policy on how the Council handles requests for support to make it easier to follow.

Public Comment

Robin Rust handed out a meeting schedule of public hearings to be held around the state by the Mental Health Commission in May 2006 regarding Safety and Quality Issues and the Network of Mental Health Services and Supports.

By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Summary of Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Send resumes within two weeks.	Council Members
Draft request for opinion from Attorney General's office	Joe Colagiovanni
Contact Don Carrick to obtain his bio.	Rob Honan

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I
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